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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN PRESS STORIES ON GENSCHER TALKS IN WASHINGTON

1. SUMMARY. MAJOR BRAZILIAN PAPERS CARRY FRONT PAGE ARTICLES ON GENSCHER TALKS IN WASHINGTON, ALLEGING THAT FRG-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WILL BE ONE OF THE MAJOR ITEMS OF DISCUSSION. WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE CLARIFYING STATEMENT ON NATURE OF GENSCHER TALKS, IF NOT ALREADY MADE. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER HEADLINE, "US RESUMES PRESSURE ON NUCLEAR ACCORD," JOURNAL DE BRASILIA, APRIL 4, FRONT PAGE STORY REFERS TO A "NEW AMERICAN EFFORT UNLEASHED AGAINST THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF RENEWED PRESSURE ON THE FRG". THE ARTICLE NOTES THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAD YESTERDAY RECEIVED FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER IN WASHINGTON IN THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF NEW MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. THE ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAD RECOMMENDED TO PRESIDENT CARTER A US INITIATIVE AT THE FORTHCOMING UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT WHICH WOULD PROPOSE SUSPENSION OF THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

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3. IN A STORY FROM BONN, APRIL 4, O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO REPORTS THAT "THE CONSEQUENCES THAT THE NEW US ANTI-PROLIFERATION LAW WILL HAVE ON THE GERMAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND POSSIBLY ON THE ACCORD BETWEEN BONN AND BRASILIA WILL BE AMONG THE MAIN THEMES GENSCHER WILL DISCUSS WITH VANCE AND CARTER TODAY."

4. SIMILAR REPORTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED BY JOURNAL DO BRASIL. REPORTING

ON GENSCHER VISIT, THE PAPER, THE PAPER, APRIL 3, REPORTS UNDER FRONT

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PAGE HEADLINE THAT THE FRG AND THE US ARE RESUMING DISCUSSIONS ON THE BRAZIL-GERMAN NUCLEAR ACCORD. IN ITS APRIL 4 EDITION, IN A FRONT PAGE STORY ON THE ALLEGED US SSOD INITIATIVE, THE PAPER REPORTS A STATEMENT BY GENSCHER IN BONN THAT THE FRG DOES NOT FEEL ITSELF PRESSURED BY THE NEW US NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION, BECAUSE THE PROBLEM IS GENERAL AND IS NOT LIMITED TO US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS. THE GERMAN PRESS, THE ARTICLE CONTINUES, AFFIRMS THAT THE NEW LAW IS DIRECTED AGAINST THE FRG-BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT.

5. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNTS, LAMPREIA (PRESS SPOKESMAN FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY) STATED THAT THERE WAS NO REASON TO BE WORRIED.

6. COMMENT. THE GENERAL IMAGE CONVEYED BY THESE ARTICLES IN THE MAJOR PAPERS TO THE BRAZILIAN PUBLIC IS THAT BARELY AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FROM BRAZILIAN SOIL, THE US GOVERNMENT IS RESUMING ITS EFFORTS AGAINST THE FRG BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT. (THE ORIGINS OF BRAZILIAN PRESS CONCERN ARE MOSTLY REPORTS AND ARTICLES IN THE GERMAN PRESS.) THE PRESS ACCOUNTS THUS ARE HAVING, IN SOME MEASURE, AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ATMOSPHERE OF GOOD FEELING CREATED BY THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO CONSIDER APPROPRIATE CLARIFYING STATEMENT ON NATURE OF GENSCHER TALKS.

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BRAZIL A PORTUGUESE TRANSLATION OF DEPARTMENT BRIEFER TOM RESTON'S CLARIFICATION OF THE SECSTATE'S PROPOSAL ON SUSPENDING NUCLEAR SHIPMENTS, AS CARRIED BY WIRELESS FILE, APRIL 3.
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